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**PATENT**  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
Applicant: YAMAMOTO et al.  
Serial No.: 09/221,656  
Filed: December 23, 1998  
Title: PRODUCTION SYSTEM FOR RETAIL  
GOODS AND A RAW MATERIAL  
ORDERING SYSTEM

Art Unit: 2768  
Examiner: F. Polnvi

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action issued on October 4, 2000, the period for response to which has been extended by the enclosed Petition for Three Month Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claim 28 with the following claim:

28. A method of manufacturing products, the method comprising the steps of:  
collecting sales information about products sold at a plurality of point of sales  
terminals;